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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Development of World Class Convention Centre
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is supporting the development of an Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (ECC) in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the list of facilities that are likely to be provided in the ECC and its location;

(c) the details of the mode of development of this project and the expected time for its completion;

(d) whether the proposed exhibition centre, convention centre and multiperformance arena developments are likely to generate a substantial amount of direct and indirect employment opportunities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) : (i) A project has been conceived on re-development of PragatiMaidan Complex, New Delhi. The proposal tentatively envisages development of 3,26,065 sq. mtrs of built-up area including 1,19,445 sq. mtrs of exhibition space, a Convention Centre with seating capacity of 7000 pax with number of different sized meeting rooms, space for public circulation, support facilities and parking space for about 4800 passenger cars in Phase-I of development plan. In Phase-II, further development of 86,255 sq. mtrs. of exhibition area is envisaged.

(ii) Under another proposal of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion creation of a World Class State-of-the-Art Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre is planned in Dwarka, New Delhi. The proposed Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre will comprise a host of independent and mutually beneficial facilities like exhibition halls, convention centres, banquet halls, auditoria, arena, financial centre, hotels, Food & Beverage (F&B) outlets & retail services.

(c) : (i) The project atPragatiMaidan is proposed to be implemented on EPC (Turnkey or Design Build) mode.

The period for completion of the project in Phase-I is envisaged as 36 months from the date of award of the project to the executing agency, subject to the statutory clearances.

(ii) The project atDwarkais being developed in Public-Private Partnership, utilizing, if necessary, viability gap funding of Government of India. Completion of the project is dependent upon confirmation and approval of various activities needed to be undertaken with regard to implementation of the Project by respective authorities/agencies.

(d) : Yes, Madam.

(e) : The proposed projects can become a key facilitator in making the NCR a globally competitive Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) destination.

Exhibitions and conventions provide a strong stimulus to the domestic industries, including transportation, travel and tourism, catering and hospitality. The Convention and Exhibition industry has a multiplier effect of up to 2 to 6 times, depending upon the type of industry.

Exhibitions result in generation of employment, not only directly, but also through the growth in allied industries as a result of the economic stimulus propagated through exhibitions and conventions.

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